

# Hotel Chamberlin



Old Point Comfort, Va.

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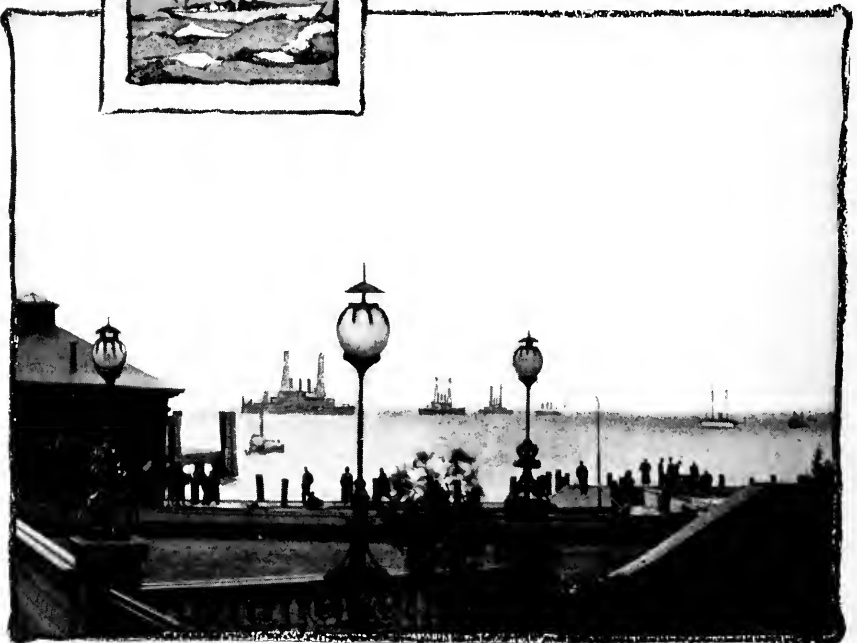


**T**HERE is something personal—affectionate—in remembrances of Old Point.

‘Why call it Old Point?’ Well, it’s just a sort of intimate reference, which we grow into through loving the place—and then, there is no other Old Point in all the world! But there is more to the name than this; the water-bound strip is correctly called, “Old Point Comfort.” Sounds inviting—does it not? Can you imagine a name more suggestive of the ease, pleasure, recreation, which you are seeking than this, “Old Point Comfort”?

It was christened long before people went resorting or nerves made wreck and havoc—indeed, the first white man to stop here was the doughty Captain John Smith, just a bit more than three hundred years ago. He found this a goodly land and christened it, “Poynt Comfort.” No one has ever wished to change the name, fulfilling, as it does, every promise which it so aptly implies.

Who comes here? People from the North, South, East, West—many from across the seas and from the near-by



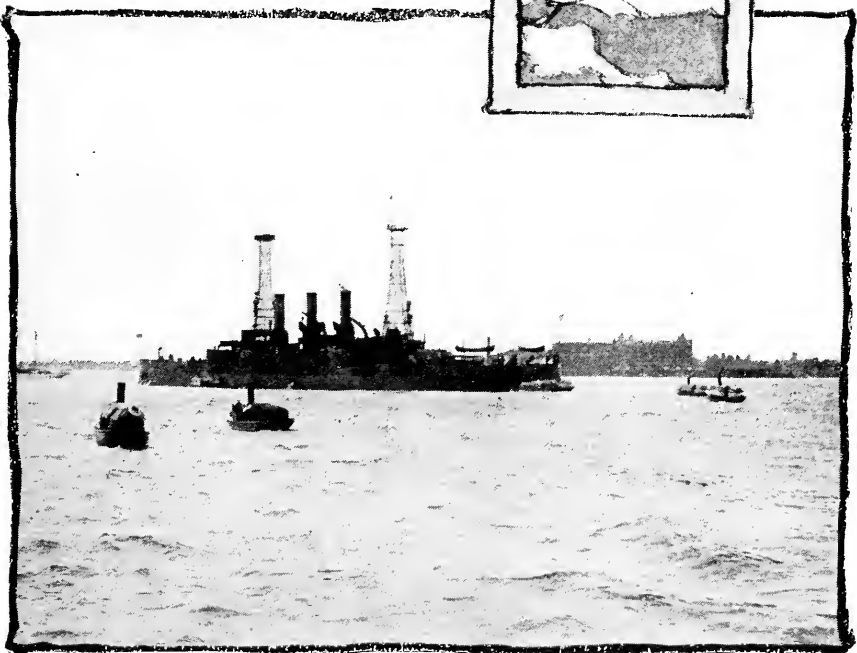
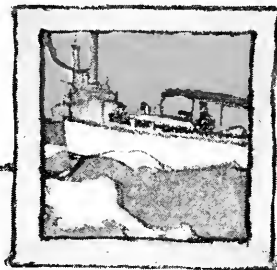


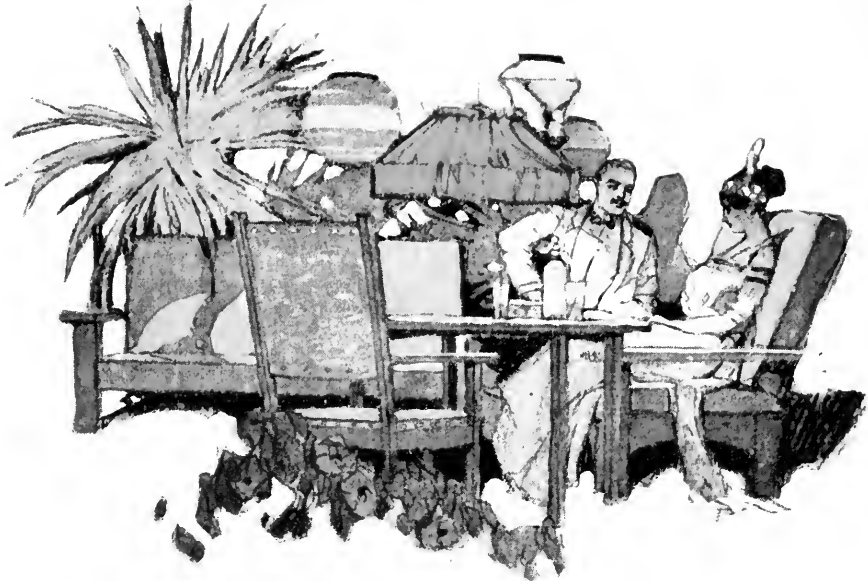
cities of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York; as well as from New England—a second-door neighbor. The Elderly-young enjoy the quiet diversions, while the Very-young grow hilarious through the enticements of every outdoor and indoor sport.

Not so many years after the visitation of Captain Smith, a military man, one Harvey in 1630, with an eye to practicable fortification, seized upon the Point, in the name of the King, and here built a defence for his Majesty's holdings in Virginia. Each succeeding generation has sanctioned the selected site and multiplied its natural advantages, until now, the largest and most important of the coast defences of our country is Fort Monroe.

The rampart walls and the girdling moat make for a picture mediaeval—they enclose the casemates, some of the officers' quarters, a fine old parade-ground, where brave old live-oaks stretch knotted elbows to uphold a canopy of green the year around.

You'll find enough to interest you for a week — a month — many





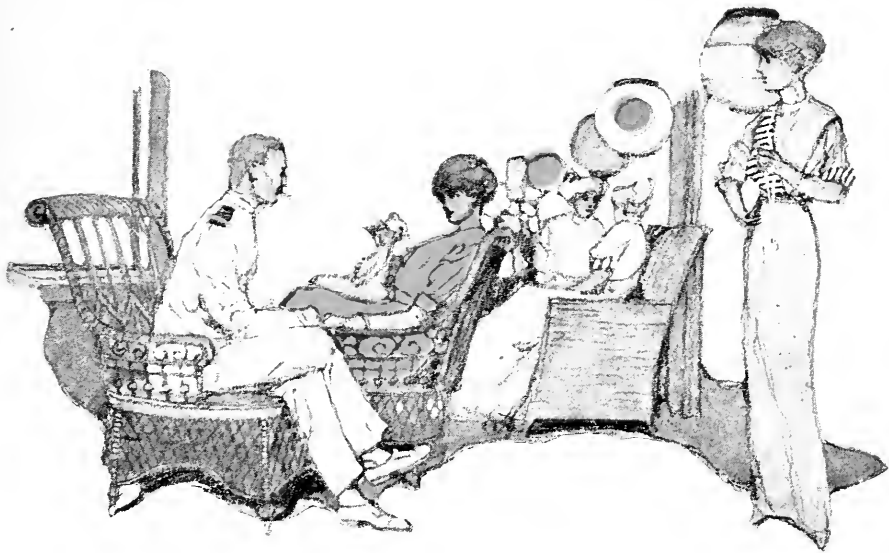
months—incidentally, you'll go away with some very valuable information. You will have corrected your geography, revised your history and will have acquired a much more intelligent understanding of the prestige and importance of the United States Army and Navy.

This all sounds good to you—the promise is of something different. “When is the season favorable?” *Any time. All times.*

Winter and Summer alike are delightful—perhaps the Autumn is a bit more so—and then, there is the Springtime—surely the Springtime at Old Point is incomparable!

It is not too cold in Winter; nor is it too hot in Summer—in fact, it is just right. The Gulf Stream has much to do with this. It has an agreeable way of wandering very close to shore at Old Point and tempers the wind which elsewhere blows too cold. And again, when the mercury climbs and the adjacent cities swelter, the same beneficent Gulf Stream sweeps by to reduce the temperature. What with the tonic of sea air and the resinous, healing





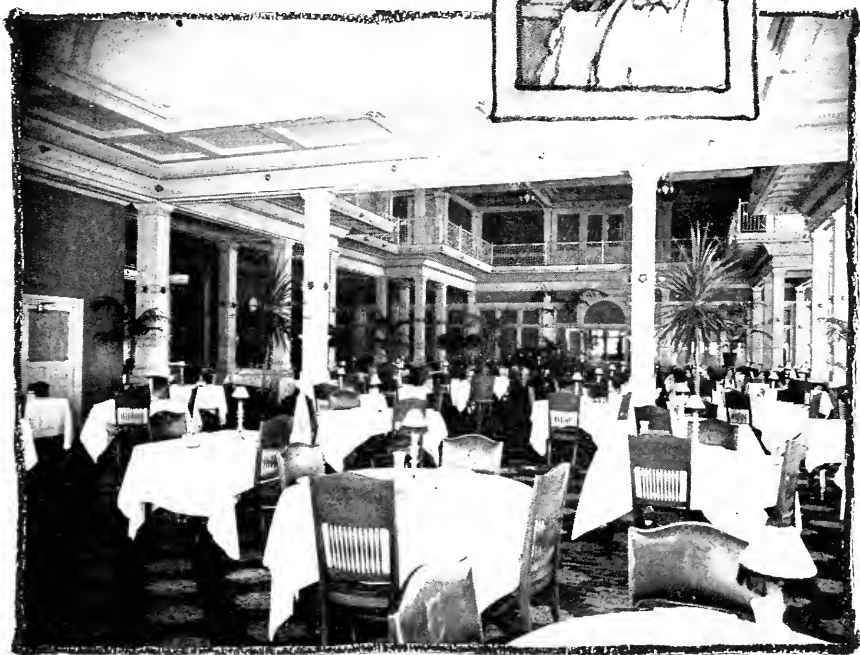
breath of pines, truly, Old Point is favored by Nature.

Before we go further, let us tell you of the wonderful water-foreground of this great Hotel—an inland sea!

More than three hundred years ago there passed *between the Capes*, into the waters to be known as Hampton Roads three small ships under sail—the Goodspeed, the Discovery, the Susan Constant. Captain John was with this miniature fleet. They touched at Old Point Comfort.

In all the intervening years of marine discovery and development and an almost magical growth toward ways and things civilized, this “goodly bay” has been the rendezvous of the Warships of Nations—1812, 1861-65, 1898, 1907, and in and out, *between the Capes*, passed in review the majestic fleet of our present Navy to circle the globe and again returned to line up before The Chamberlin.

Nowadays it is deemed not only rational but fashionable to look well to the health—every one wishes to be particularly informed as to the conditions of the place to beget and safeguard health, where he may stop.

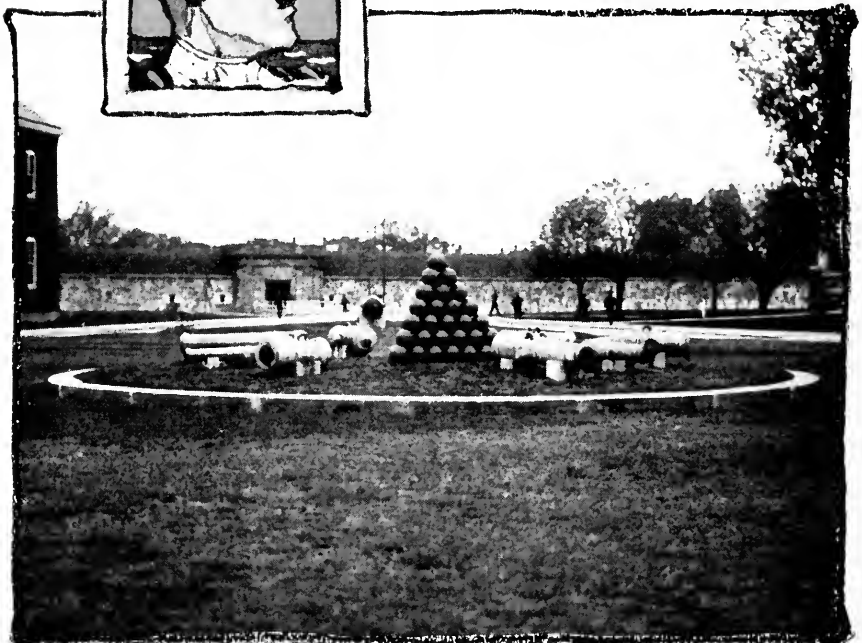




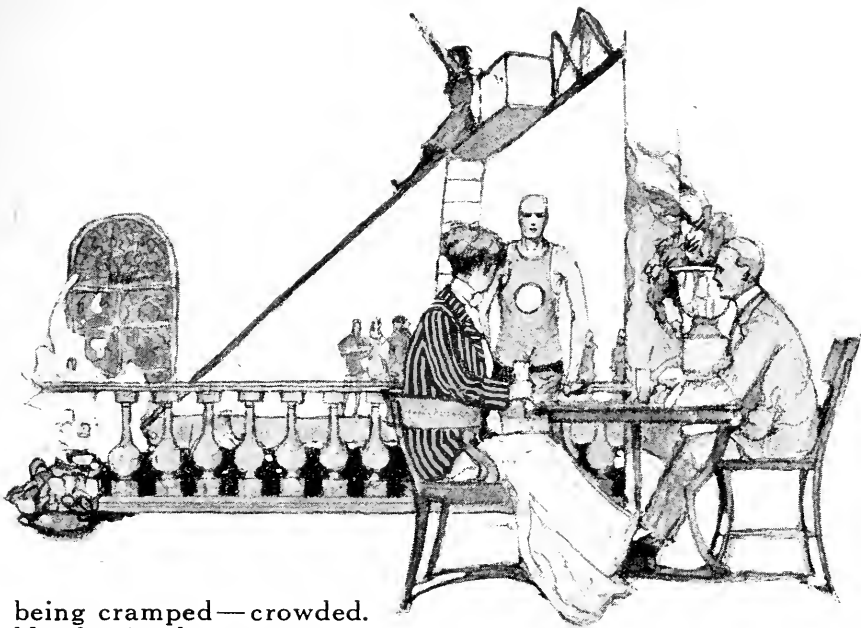
We have told you of the bracing salt air—comes in unobstructed from the ocean—nothing in the shape of organic dust can float about in pernicious activity—quite impossible—you see, the ever-moving surface of the water prevents the lodgment of any impurities. We have also told of the tempered climate and the splendid background of piney woods. Supplementing all these is the fact that these eighty or more acres, known as Old Point, belong to the United States Government—which means a government reservation under strict inspection—supervision. As The Chamberlin and the Post are the sum of Old Point—which has a Post-Office called Fortress Monroe—whatever the Government directs in the way of hygiene and sanitation for the Fort, applies equally to the Hotel.

The water is free from contamination. But, just to make assurance doubly sure, it is distilled, while every item of food can pass a triple examination by the pure food experts.

Now what of the Hotel? To begin with, it is huge—never any sense of







being cramped—crowded. No, the size does not oppress with any sense of loneliness—you just breathe deep breaths and experience a delightful freedom.

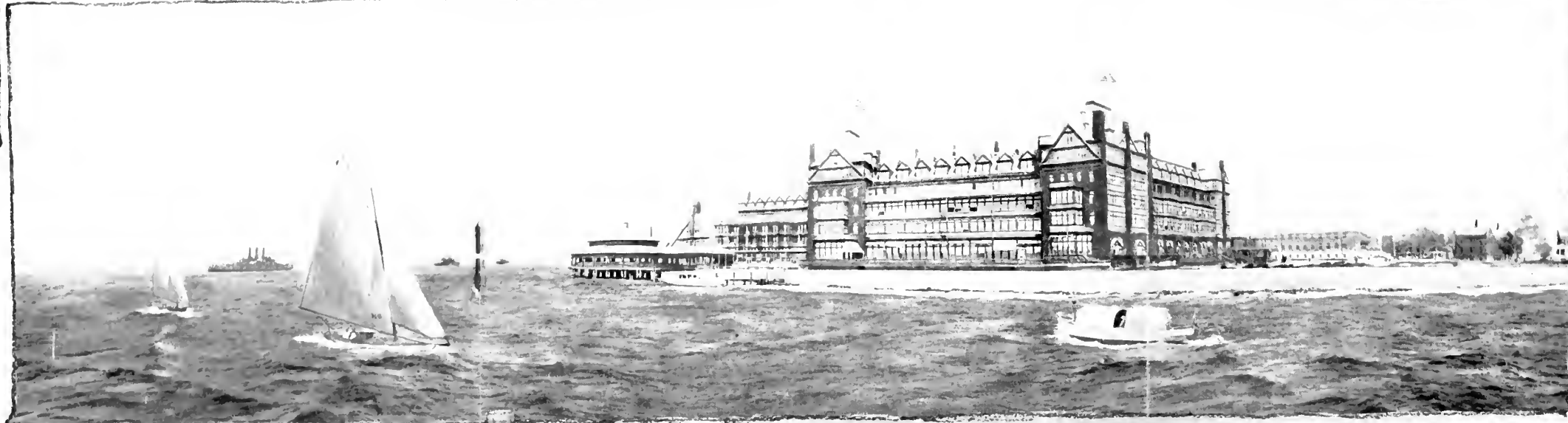
View it as you may, from any point whatsoever—inside or out—the house is imposing—a stately edifice—great square towers at either end, deep sloping roof and literally a thousand windows to let all out-doors in—there is a special brand of sunshine reserved for Old Point and a favorite blend of atmosphere—you'll be glad of these windows.

A long stretch of piazza overlooks Hampton Roads. Every window turns either to rampart walls and menacing guns, the never-dying green of live-oaks, the winding moat, or to the seemingly limitless stretch of waters out to old ocean.

The vistas take on a touch of the Orient and suggest Mediterranean waters—literally “every prospect pleases”; and, contrary to the old hymn, man himself is most engaging, particularly if he wears a uniform—ask the debutante.

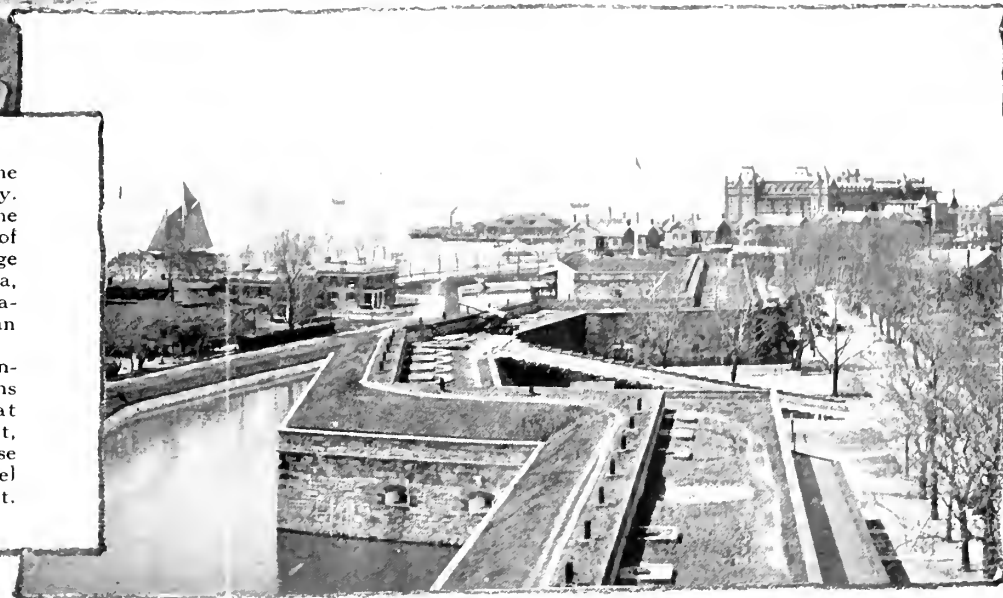


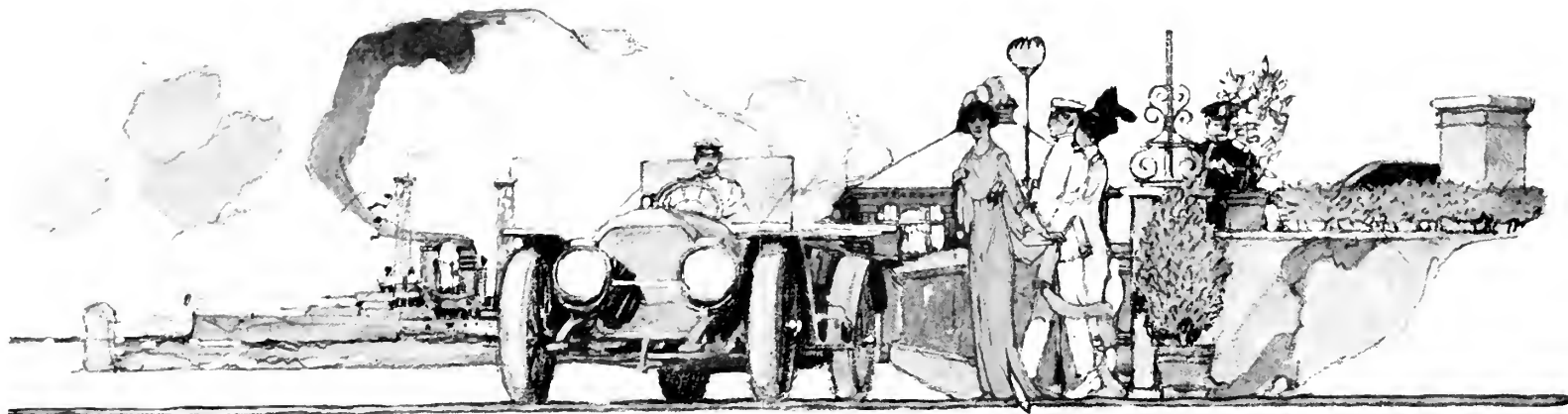




THE CHAMBERLIN is right on the water; the broad piazzas parallel the shore not ten yards away. The big Pavilion is built right over the water, and the Dining-Room reaches out within a short distance of passing vessels. Of course, this is a decided advantage and unique. In your comfortable chair on the Piazza, in the Sun-Parlor or Palm-Garden, you have the sensation of being at sea. You have every advantage of an ocean voyage, without its discomforts.

The ever-changing marine panorama is a constant source of interest and amusement to patrons of The Chamberlin. It was from here that Admiral Evans went with his world-encircling fleet, and to it they returned, after their wonderful cruise of 15,000 miles. The Army, Navy and Hotel Chamberlin are the sum of Old Point Comfort.





There is really so much to say about The Chamberlin that it seems impossible to indicate even the half—you will be impressed with the spaciousness and beauty of proportions—the artistic and exquisite taste expressed in the arrangement, colorings and furnishings—the perfect understanding of your needs in the wholly comfortable appointments—all contribute to the “so-glad-I’m-here” feeling, which, newly-arrived or many times returned, you invariably experience.

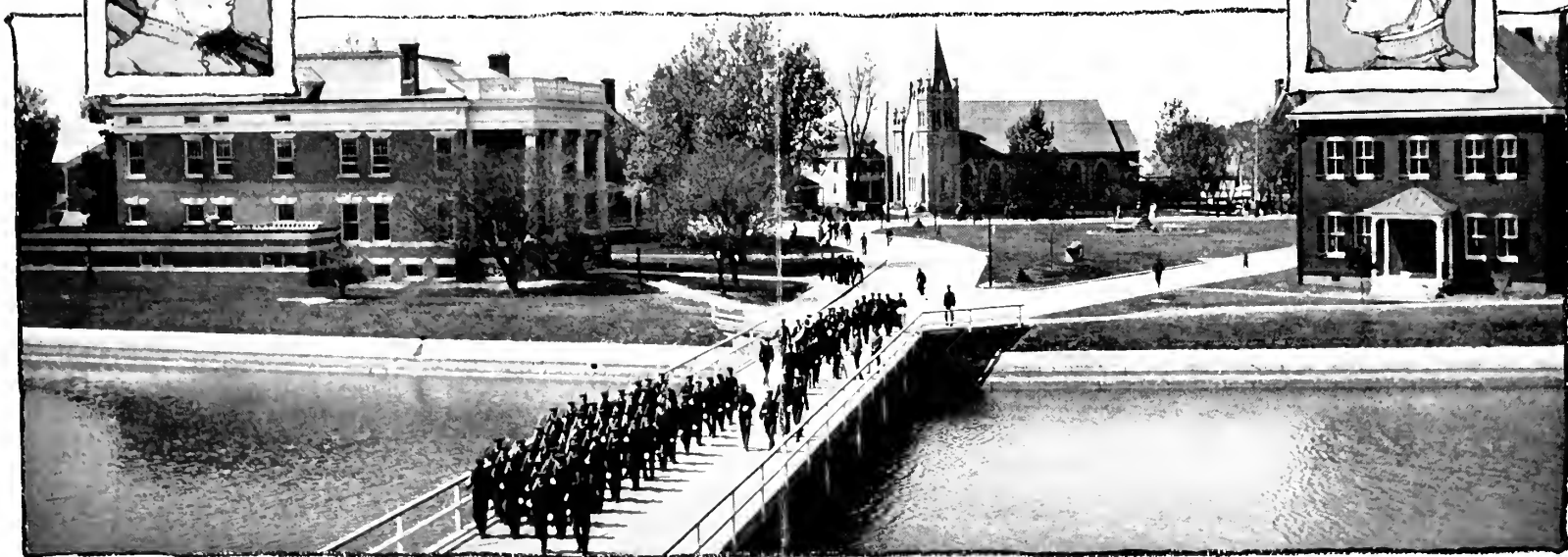
The whole house has been built upon a generous plan—every adjunct of the luxurious home has been supplied. You will be more than once grateful for the extravagant allotment of the ground floor—no mistaken economy as to public space has here been made—the Rotunda, Parlors, Long Drawing-Room, Sun-Parlor, Palm-Garden, Ball-Room, Dining-Room, will at once appeal to you as being so splendidly out of the ordinary in symmetry and grace.

Hospitality is ingrained at The Chamberlin—Virginia hospitality—of the true-blue quality—extended from the smallest, grinning darky attaché on up to the highest in authority—it is infectious with the guests. The agreeable service about the house—in the Dining-Room—recalls the old-time servitor who waited upon his master’s guests with delightful solicitude and deference.

All this, of course, has satisfied you as regards some points. But what is there to do, to see? You can have more to interest and amuse you at The Chamberlin than at any other resort in America. You can do everything here that you can at other places—Sail, Fish, Golf, Play Tennis, Listen to the Orchestra, Dance, Bathe in the great Sea-Pool; in fact, all the stereotyped amusements of a resort; but there are a great many other things which are possible only at Old Point Comfort.

In the first place, there is the Fort *right on hand*; everybody likes to see the “pomp and circumstance of war.” Then, again, Hampton Roads is usually occupied by one or more *Warships*; naturally you will want to visit them. There will be no trouble about that, as visitors are welcome always.

If you wish to go further afield, fifteen or twenty minutes will take you to the Soldiers’





Home or the Indian School, at Hampton; fifty minutes away, by trolley, is Newport News with its great Shipyard. It may be you are interested in historical affairs; then you know all about Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg: these are but a short distance away.

As The Chamberlin is *right on the water*—so—the Fort is *right at The Chamberlin*—these constitute the resident population of Old Point and bring about a friendliness like unto that of one family. The Fort is open—you are welcome—there is always some Military Evolution, Guard Mount, a Band Concert, Dress Parade, Retreat; they will interest you—amuse. A walk around the ramparts will repay the exertion—the view over Hampton Roads is unsurpassed. No young woman ever complained that she found it dull at an Army Post. With more than one hundred officers stationed at Fort Monroe, a stop at The Chamberlin fulfills the fondest dreams of the girl-guest. Twice each week there are dances in the grand Ballroom, sometimes oftener—the great Military and Naval Balls are always given at The Chamberlin. In Summer the dancing is in the Pavilion—Moonlight—Dancing—Military Music—all very alluring.

There is scarce a time when two or more of the Warships are not at anchor in the Roads—in front of The Chamberlin—again we mean *right in front*—not afar off—but so close that bugle calls and the sound of ship bells come familiarly up to your private rooms—sweetly awakening you in the morning and lulling you to sleep at night—you will grow to regulate your hours by these. The Navy officers make the Hotel their social court and then is there rivalry—the debutante never lacks for attention—her card is always filled—she must divide her dances and she finds herself in a tangled maze in her endeavors to pledge allegiance to both Army and Navy.

The little launches ply hither and thither—a luncheon—a dinner, perhaps, on ship-board—these are invitations to be sought! Possibly the appointment may be for tea in the Ward Room, as guest of the Junior Officers; or, the courtesy returned and tea served in the beautiful Palm-Garden of the Hotel—the pleasing popularity—the resplendent uniforms—the courtly manners—the “pomp and circumstance” distract and engage—sometimes permanently—for life.







You must know of the great Swimming-Pool. This Pool, radiant with sunlight, provides all the delights of an ocean swim indoors for those who bathe for pleasure, as well as the well-known medicinal properties of sea-water. Yes, filtered sea-water is constantly flowing in, always changing, and is heated to the proper temperature in cold weather. A swimming master is there to direct and protect, and not an appliance for health, comfort, safety or sport has been overlooked.

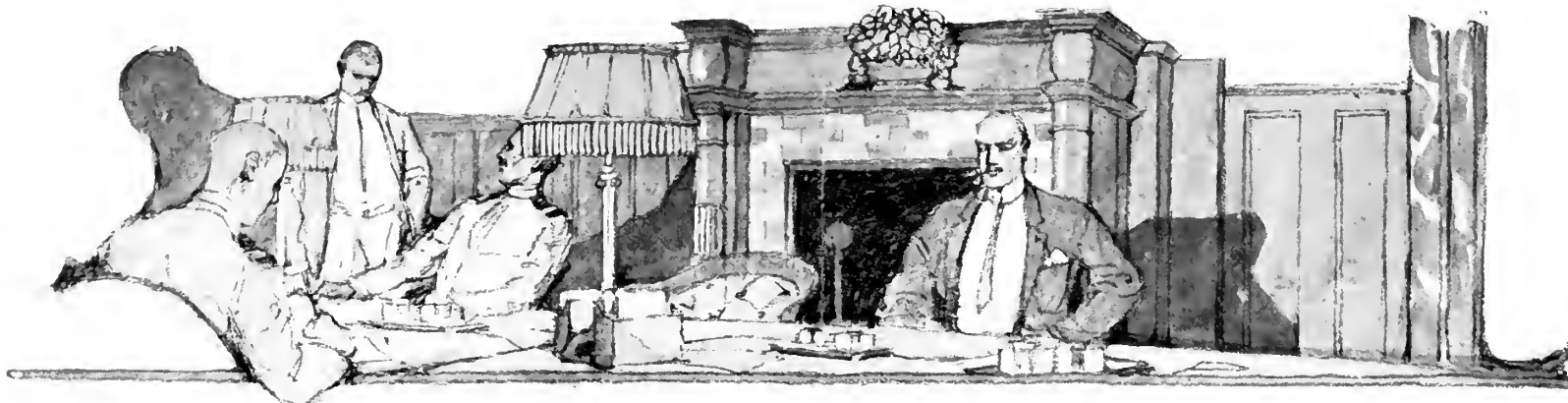
Your friends have told you of the cuisine of The Chamberlin.

They travel the world over and come back to Old Point for their favorite dish—good, wholesome, American food "like mother used to cook"; no cold storage stuff, but the real thing—Chesapeake Bay oysters, fresh from the water, absolutely uncontaminated; terrapin, toothsome and tempting; crabs; shad; Smithfield ham; Virginia corn bread. Our old Virginia cook says, "La! honey, you jes natchully don' find dese here tings no place 'cept de Chamberlin."

Not only tempting dishes, prepared to one's taste and quickly served, but a delightful Dining-Room, unmatched in all the world for architectural grace and beauty. Afternoon tea in the Palm-Room and alter-dinner coffee in the Lobby are features especially pleasing.

No resort in the country is more accessible to the tourist than Old Point Comfort; it is reached by the principal trunk line railroads of the country—from the West by the Norfolk & Western and the Chesapeake & Ohio; from the South and Southwest by the Southern Railway, Seaboard Air Line, and Atlantic Coast Line; from New York and New England (an all-rail route) by The Pennsylvania R. R. through Washington and Richmond, or via the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R.; the Old Dominion Steamship Company from New York and the Merchants & Miners Line from Boston and Providence run directly to Old Point via Norfolk. Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond are connected by daily lines of palatial steamers, affording every comfort and convenience.





Every tourist or transportation representative knows all about The Chamberlin and the best way to get there. Any of them will be glad to advise you. However, if you prefer, write to me directly, and we will take pleasure in answering any questions as to routes, terms, or giving you any other information which you may wish. Address  
 GEO. F. ADAMS, Manager,  
 Fortress Monroe, Va.

### HOTEL CHAMBERLIN IS CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN PLAN

This means: "*You know what it will cost you*"—that you are saved all the annoyance of thinking about ordering meals; that you get the best Cuisine and correct Service at moderate prices.

#### RATES:

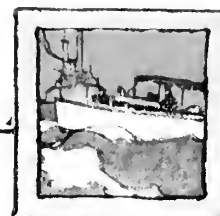
Single Room, one person, \$5.00 per day; \$30.00 per week and upward.  
 Double Room, two persons, \$10.00 per day; \$60.00 per week and upward.  
 Single Room with bath, one person, \$6.00 and upward per day; \$40.00 and upward per week.

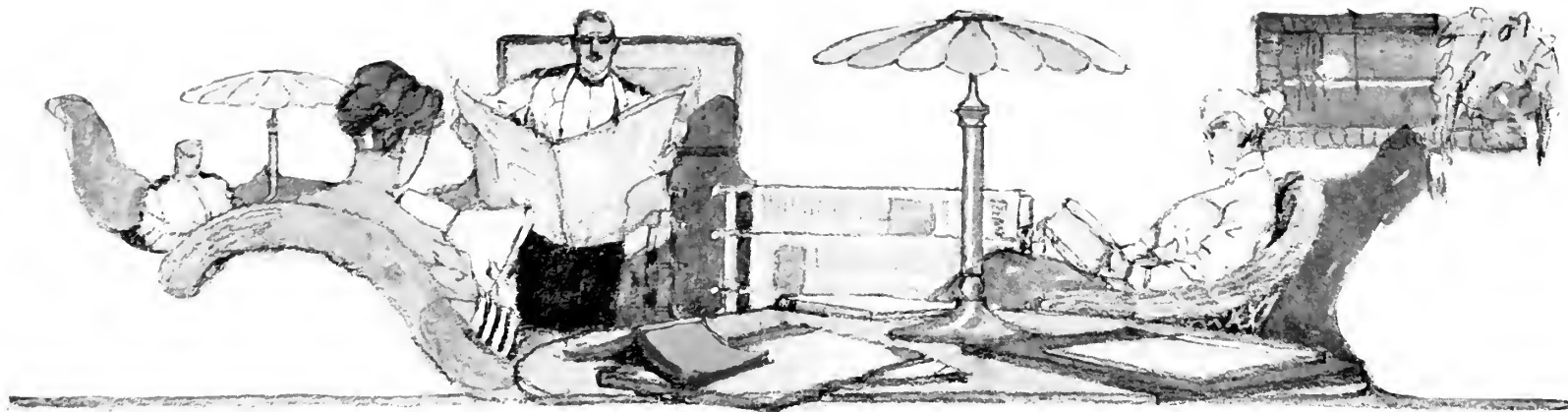
Double Room with bath, two persons, \$12.00 and upward per day; \$75.00 and upward per week.

For all information regarding rates, reservation of rooms, etc., address

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## "THE CURE" AT OLD POINT COMFORT

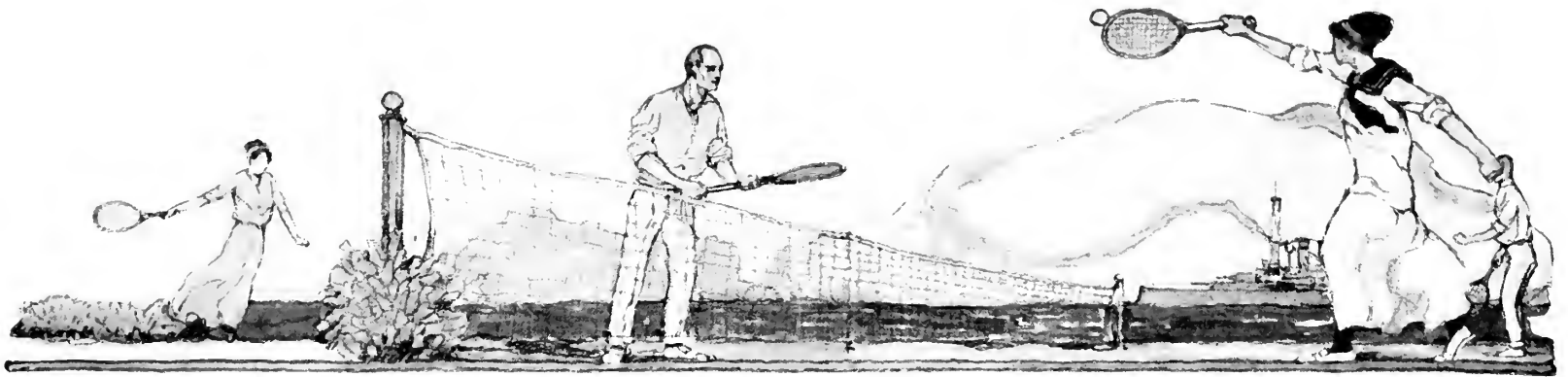
**T**O take "THE CURE" as given in Europe has included four distinct and separate methods of procedure, and it is the *combination* which has really made "THE CURE." These four essentials are, the *Drinking of Medicinal Waters*, *The Taking of Certain Baths under Proper Medical Direction*, *A Regular System of Outdoor Exercise*, and *A Careful Regulation of Diet*. Physicians have been sending their patients abroad, because heretofore there has been no place in this country possessing all these essentials. This is no longer true. In every particular Old Point Comfort and The Chamberlin offer these.

In detail. **THE DRINKING OF MEDICINAL WATERS.** In experimental borings for a fresh water supply, at a depth of 900 feet below the surface, The Chamberlin Alkaline-Saline-Purgative Water was found. This Water has been most carefully analyzed, and has been found superior to almost any water in this country or abroad for many purposes. It is shown to be equal to any European water in its remedial effects upon such disorders as Torpid Liver, Rheumatism, Gout, certain forms of Bright's Disease, Diabetes and others.

**UPON ELECTROSCOPIC TESTS THIS WATER HAS SHOWN DEFINITE RADIO ACTIVE PROPERTIES**, which necessarily perform a part in its therapeutic action. For cases in which our Medical Director deems it advisable to administer this Water with a higher degree of Radio Activity—as in severe Gout, Sciatica and Rheumatism—arrangements have been made for powerfully activating this Water. *Taken under the advice and direction of our Physician, at regular periods of the day, in specific quantities, and at regular temperature, the effect*





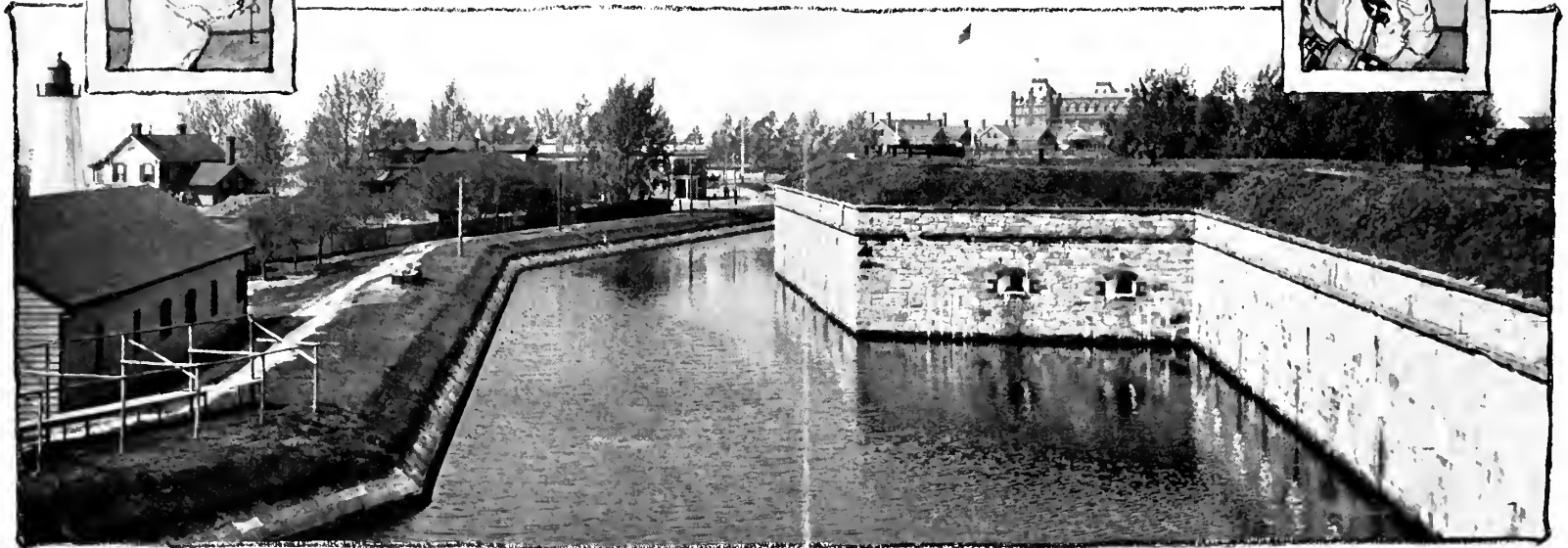


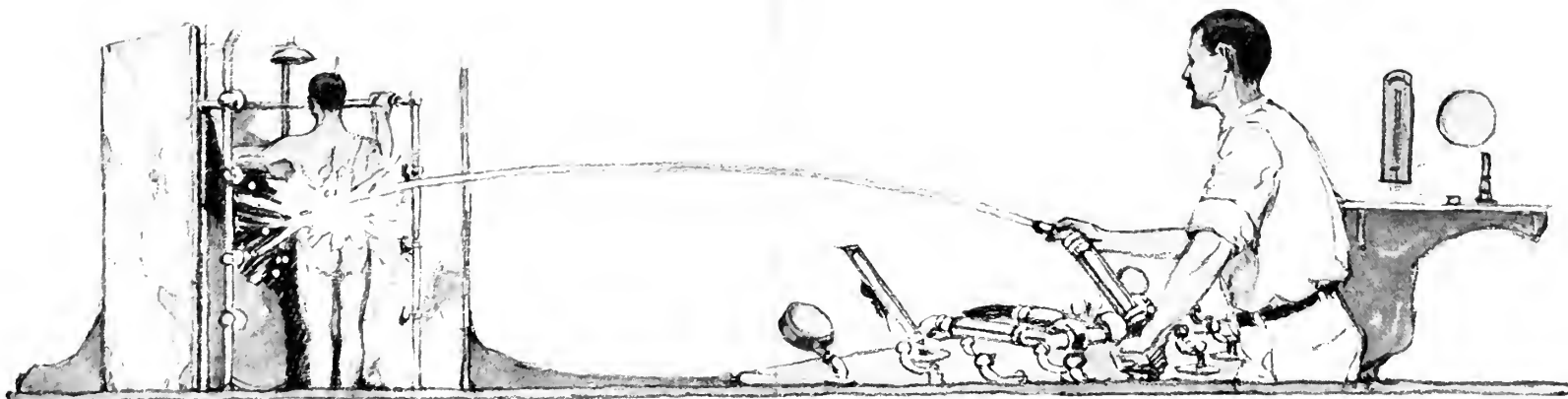
of this Water is beneficial in every particular; in fact, some cures have been made which have been pronounced practically incurable after drinking other waters.

The custom which obtains abroad, of drinking the waters in the early morning hours, is a feature at The Chamberlin. In our Palm-Garden, overlooking magnificent Hampton Roads, is situated the Drinking Fountain. The Orchestra plays here regularly from 8:30 to 10 a.m. During this time it is usually the custom to "Drink the Waters." A brisk walk of short duration, then to breakfast, and the day is well begun. A little leaflet giving analysis of this Water and a general history of its effects will be furnished on request.

The next feature, **CERTAIN BATHS UNDER MEDICAL DIRECTION**. Nowhere are baths given more scientifically than at The Chamberlin. Our Bath Department has been doubled in the last year and many new Treatments have been added. A complete installation for Electro-Therapy has also been installed. The Chamberlin System, using Sea-water, is especially effective in cases of Gout, Rheumatism and kindred disorders. This application of Sea-water is also a specific for Insomnia. The Naueim Baths, as administered here, are absolutely as effective as those given abroad. The use of Sea-water in these is a unique feature. We are prepared to give Aix or Vichy Treatments equally as effectively as at either of these places. Electric Light Baths are administered. In fact, every form of Hydrotherapy is available here. As many complaints yield more rapidly to Electricity than any other form of treatment, equally complete is our establishment for Electro-Therapy. High Frequency Currents, the local application of Finsen Rays, Ionic Medication, and other forms of Electricity are employed to the greatest advantage. All these are fully described in our little booklet, "Baths and Bathing."

The third feature, **A REGULAR SYSTEM OF OUTDOOR EXERCISE**, is nowhere more easily entered into than at Old Point Comfort. Tempered by Sea and Sun all seasons are delightful. A carefully regulated system of regular walks is one



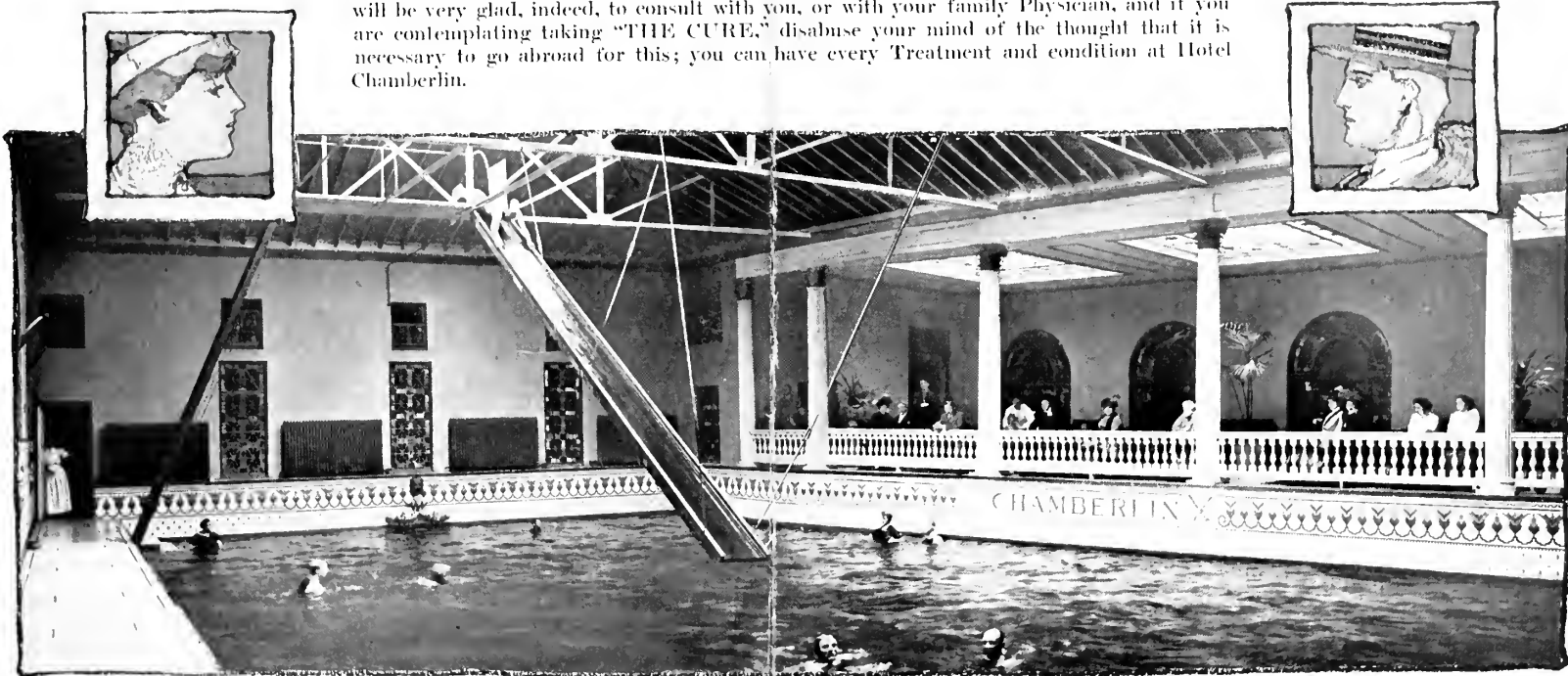


of the features going to make up "THE CURE." These are possible in variety throughout the year. The distance and time of these are regulated by our Medical Director.

Should occasional inclement days intervene, the pavilion over the water, our sheltered Palm-Garden, or the Piazzas of the Hotel, form a delightful promenade. For invalids, to whom the walk is a task, a steamer chair on the Piazza overlooking Hampton Roads, has all the tonic of the sea voyage, with none of its discomforts. Tennis, Golf, Bowling, Billiards are frequently prescribed as part of the course. We publish a little booklet called "Climate and Health," which gives particulars regarding this most important feature of "THE CURE." Government statistics are given, showing the average temperature, the absence of moisture, the preponderance of sunlight, and the tonic quality of the sea air.

The fourth essential, THE CAREFUL REGULATION OF ONE'S DIET, can nowhere be obtained more accurately and systematically than at Old Point Comfort. On a government reservation, all our food supplies and drinking water are subject to the careful supervision of the Medical Director of the Army. Fish, Oysters and Sea Food are absolutely uncontaminated. Our Medical Director is an authority on diet, and everyone taking "THE CURE" is expected to follow a well-regulated system.

Thus the four essentials which go to make up a complete "CURE" are obtained under the best possible conditions at Old Point. Our Medical Director is a man of wide experience in the Treatments which are involved. He will be very glad, indeed, to consult with you, or with your family Physician, and if you are contemplating taking "THE CURE," disabuse your mind of the thought that it is necessary to go abroad for this; you can have every Treatment and condition at Hotel Chamberlin.





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